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POSSIBLY.

He: HANDSOME WOMAN, THAT MAJOR BOLD'S WIFE; BUT WHY *will* SHE WEAR SUCH LOUD GOWNS?

She: OUT OF CONSIDERATION TO THE MAJOR, I FANCY; HE IS SO SHOCKINGLY DEAF, DON'T YOU KNOW.



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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WELL, dearly beloved, what did you get in your stocking? A brick, maybe! Better there than in your hat. If either extremity of the wardrobe must be stretched to make high holiday, let it be the stocking.

Christmas being safely past, let us gird ourselves for New Year's. There are no New Year stockings to hang up, but there are resolutions to be made, and this, ours—to lead out a sprightlier and more humane LIFE this year than ever.

There is lots of work ahead in the coming twelvemonth, and LIFE intends to do its share, which will largely consist of righteous endeavors to keep other workers up to their duty. If its efforts are successful, two things will transpire early in the year. One will be a revision of the tariff, and another will be a copyright law which shall enable the deserving American author to reap in English fields as well as at home. Other labors, later in the year, will concern the tenancy of the White House. There is no question in our mind who will be LIFE'S candidate for the new lease, or that he will get it; but sufficient to the day of nomination are the candidates, and sufficient unto the White House at present is its present occupant.

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Did any one miss Santa Claus this year? A movement to shut him out was reported, and it was even said to have the support of a famous divine, who has a big, brown church on Fifth Avenue. But of course the movement failed. Kriss Kringle is one of the immortals. Tony Comstock himself could not suppress him. He came just as usual, and left the children with full arms, and the adults with empty pockets. In his great feat of transferring emoluments, he outdoes the very boodle aldermen. But it is vain to try to indict him. He has the support of a powerful class of the community who are able to corrupt any jury that could be gathered to try him.

THE foreign correspondents are trying to make out that a big fight is brewing in Europe, and will break out in the spring. For our part, we don't believe it, and never will believe again in any war of any consequence in Europe, until somebody is hurt.

Was it not Jem Mace and Joe Coburn (the sporting editor has gone skating) who had such tremendous reputations as fighters that when a mill was arranged between them they faced each other for hours, but neither dared strike a blow? Is not that the situation across the water? Kings and emperors and czars give the war-signals over there, and the last emperor who did it and brought on a great fight was a private citizen before the guns ceased firing. The stakes are so big that none of our fellow-monarchs dare play. Besides, there is a contest of endurance between the great powers of Europe all the time, to see which will break down first in training. They can enjoy most of the disadvantages of red-handed conflict without so much as striking a match, so why come to blows?

If the correspondents are agreeable, LIFE will hesitate a little longer about laying in any military pictures, and be satisfied with raising its peace-prophet's pay.

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ANY gentle reader who must have war need not go to Europe for it. He can get it in quantities to suit the purchaser at the headquarters of the Nineteenth Century Club. Two eminent XIX. Centurions declare that to countenance anarchism is not an idiosyncrasy of the harmless sort, and that they cannot conscientiously remain members of an organization whose architect and chief is addicted to that habit.

Mr. Courtland Palmer is an astute manager, but Judge Barrett and Mr. Carnegie have left him two pairs of capacious shoes to fill. Mere intelligent negation may be compared to a stubborn mule, about which a crowd may gather; but when the negation becomes affirmative, it is as though the mule's heels began to play, and the crowd is apt to scatter.

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M R. KEELY admits that he has not done anything yet, and hopes to continue therein at a slight increase of pay. Still, the world has made some progress, for the King of the Dudes has got married, and that amounts to abdication.

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H APPY New Years to you, Dearly Beloved! Be always good this coming year, and have all the fun you consistently can. It is better to be glum than to be unrighteous, but better still to be neither.

LOVE AT FIRST SOUND.

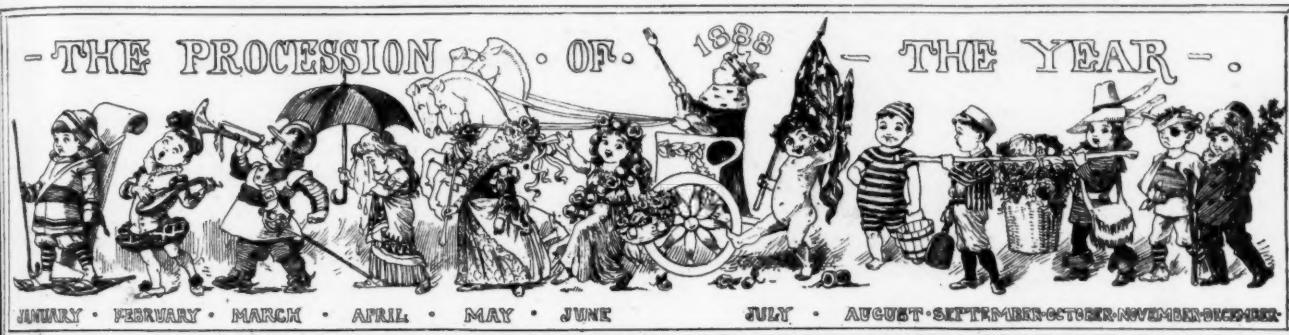
I CANNOT see your beauteous face—
Your sparkling eyes shine not for me;
Your form, your motions full of grace,
I do not know I cannot see.

Perchance you are another's wife—
Perchance engaged and lost to me;
Perchance you've lived a long, long life:
I do not know, I cannot see.

When every morn I greet you, dear,
You answer with a youthful glee;
You may be sad and worn with fear:
I do not know, I cannot see.

'Tis you I love, and you alone,
Whom ever you may chance to be;
The maiden at the telephone,
I do not know, I cannot see.

G. de Lisle Zimmermann.



COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

A la Edward Atkinson.

THOSE who have seen Edward Atkinson's statistical diagrams in recent numbers of the *Century*, will be glad to learn that *LIFE* has just purchased fifteen tons of yard-wide leads, and now proposes to go into this business with its customary exactness.

To begin, the reader's attention is called to the comparative growth of our flirtation areas, and a glance will show just where life is worth living. (The timid reader need not feel alarmed; we have the following lines under perfect control, and none will be permitted to escape.)

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Duluth.



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Coney Island.



Barren Island.



Saratoga.



Grand Central Depot



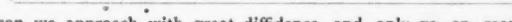
Waukesha, Wis.



Minneapolis, Minn.



Mt. Desert.



The next comparison we approach with great diffidence, and only go on record after an exhaustive search of two seconds assures us that we are correct. We wish to show the relative amount of Queen Anne villas in this country as compared with those of other styles of architecture.

Queen Anne.



The Field.



Ethelred, the Unready.

And now, dear reader, having been thus far enlightened, we ask you to turn your attention to the next set of kindergarten statistics, which shows at a glance the relative abilities of our prominent statesmen to bivouac, picket and skirmish for the loan of a \$5 bill.

Cleveland.



Blaine.



George.



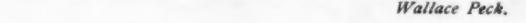
B. Butler.



Rossa.



The Writer.



Boston Girl (innocently): HAVE YOU "ROMANTIC LOVE AND PERSONAL BEAUTY?"

Wallace Peck.



RHYMES OF THE NEW YEAR.

Dates.

FULL soon our letters will bear the date
188(7)-8.

"Tis more pleasant to give than to get," was once
By a worthy philosopher said,
Who never experienced the joy of the man
Who at Christmas comes out ahead.

Now, as the dainty cover of our Calendar we tear off,
Most of our wicked ways it behooveth us to swear off;
But one or two wild, vicious sins we must not yet repent,
For if we do, what will be left to give up during Lent?

Farewell to thee, old '87,
We'll see thee later—when we get to Heaven—
You've been a friendly sort of Annus,
And we're rather sorry to see thee knock'd out by Janus.

THEY call the connubial tie a bow-knot in Chicago, be-
cause it pulls out so easily.

THE trouble with
the large majority of our Tariff
legislators seems to
be that they are
tinkers rather than
thinkers.

THE deeper our acquaintance with French history, the
more firmly are we convinced that the Gaul is a most
unreliable individual.

As a case in point, when the kings of France died, the
populace would cry, "Le Roi est mort!" when everybody
knew that the Roi was no more.

THE *Mail and Express*, alluding to a speech of Mr.
Evarts's, remarked that it awaked enthusiasm in the
Republican ranks.

This may be regarded as a tacit acknowledgment that enthusiasm has been asleep in the Republican ranks for some time. It was a pity to disturb his rest.

AS we go to press, there is considerable anxiety in the
city as to the result of the Kilrain-Smith fight. The
suspense at 2.32 this afternoon is maddening. We can but
express the hope that by the time LIFE appears the papers
will have made some mention of this event, so as to relieve
the overwrought condition of the public mind.

NEW YEAR'S PUZZLE.



THE Rev. W. F. Taylor, of New Jersey, while crossing
the ferry a few days ago, saw a schooner scudding by
under bare poles.

The reverend gentleman was so shocked at this indecent
exhibition that he fell to the ground senseless. It was while
in this condition that he made his historical remark on the
pleasure he derived from looking at LIFE's cover.

THERE is quite a flutter of excitement in Massachusetts
over the arrival of leap year.

The surplus will proceed to take care of itself in the
Commonwealth during 1888.

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THE latest specimen of newspaper enterprise was given
by an evening contemporary, which reported "The
Humorous Incidents at Mrs. —'s Funeral." We shall
look carefully for an account of the "Ludicrous Aspect of a
Recent Holocaust," or some such paragraph as "the pall-
bearers placed the casket before the chancel [laughter] and
the burial service was read by the Rev. Dr. Sniffles, at the
conclusion of which the most uproarious hilarity prevailed."

CORRESPOND-
ENT: The
name is pronounced
Com-stark, but he
hasn't arrested him-
self yet on that ac-
count.

WOULD it not be a good thing if our New York papers
swore off Nina Van Zandt-Spies and the deceased
Anarchists at this gay and festive season?

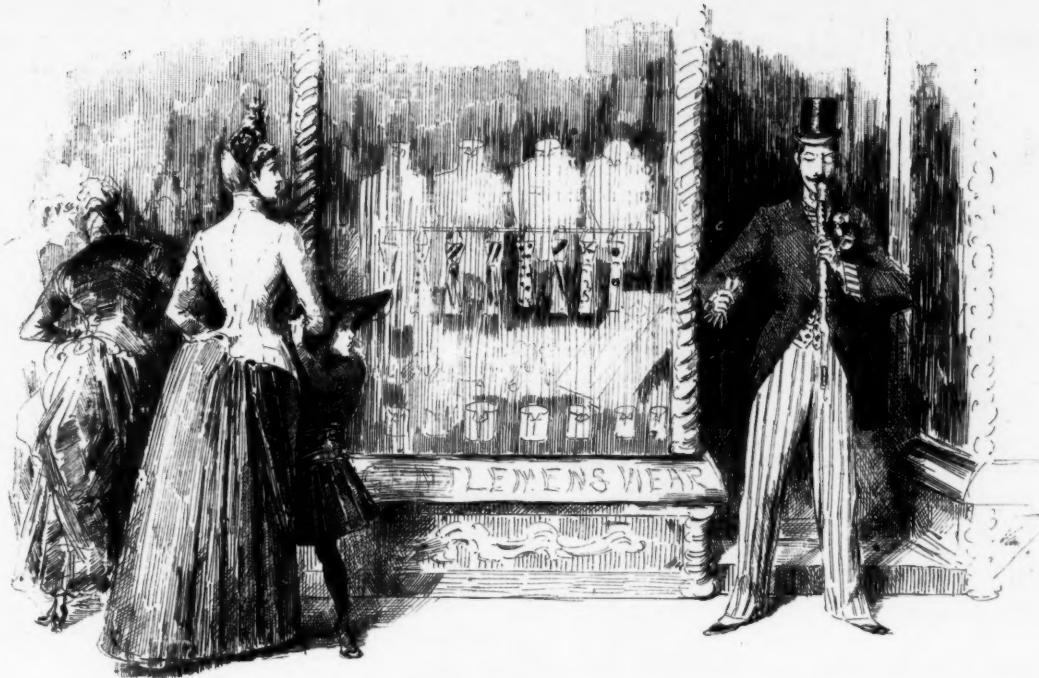
The public's thirst for the gory details of these individuals'
careers has been largely quenched.

A CORRESPONDENT suggests that Mr. Comstock
arrested Mr. Knoedler because he was informed that
the picture-dealer pronounced his name Nude-ler.

WE are not an authority on the proper care of children,
but we have no hesitation in saying to anxious
enquirer that a solution of arsenic and prussic-acid will stop
a baby's crying.

WE have it as reliable authority that Comstock always
goes into another room to change his mind.

SINCE the organization of the Lth Congress the citizens
of the District of Columbia are convinced that Wash-
ington is the Natural Gas Centre of the Universe.



THE DIFFERENCE.

Little Girl: Mamma, did God make him?

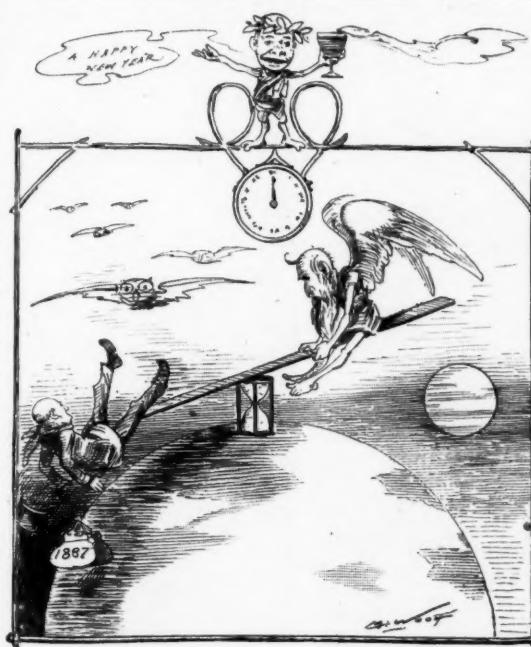
Mother: No, my child. POOLE, OF LONDON, MADE HIM.

NEWARK'S BOGUS LORD

THE unkindest thing of all they say about the Newark victims is that their Bogus Aristocrat was a cad, and had very bad manners.

We do not think worse of people of consequence who are rude to others, provided that they are polite to us. In fact, don't we think rather better of them? We will even stand a little of their impudence ourselves if we have use for them and think we can bring them around. But after having suffered with such people to have them turn out of no consequence —ah, that is bitter!

IT is rumored about London that the Queen gave the Prince of Wales a piece of advice for Christmas.



AN AUTHORITY.

EX-MAYOR CARTER HARRISON, of Chicago, writes interesting letters from Japan to a Chicago newspaper, but expresses himself as shocked at the customs of the country. He says he fears the Japanese are the most immoral people in the world.

The ex-Mayor is high authority on such a subject, but it is suggested that possibly he owes a grudge to the Babylon of the West and is writing with a view to induce emigration from there to Tokio.

ANARCHIST MOST gets one year for making an incendiary speech, while an umbrella thief is sent up for five years. This shows that the courts intend to crush the actual foes of society before they begin on mere blatant theorists.

• LIFE •

WHAT THEY FOUND IN THEIR SOCKS.

M R. CLEVELAND found a large hunk of taffy from his admirers, and a request from a New York publisher that he write a book to be called "The Presidential Ready Letter Writer; or, State Papers in Words of Ten Syllables."

Governor Foraker found a series of chromos depicting the historical events in which he recently played a prominent part. Special attention was given to the "Portrait of a Lady Snubbing a Governor," and the canvas representing "The First Lady of the Land Going to Lunch during a Grand Army Parade," is said to be the most stirring historical picture ever printed in this country.

Governor Hill found a hole in his sock, but as his Excellency is a bachelor he expressed no surprise.

Mr. Howells was overjoyed to find nothing in particular in his stocking.

Mr. Edgar Fawcett discovered a pair of I-glasses in his hose, and will soon be able to regard himself as his contemporaries regard him, which may serve to improve his opinion of Thackeray, Browning, and other rivals of his genius.

Some ill-bred person placed a copy of "It's English, You Know," in Mr. Lowell's stocking.

Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson found a note in the heel of his sock from a publisher of cheap books in New York, announcing that if he didn't brace up and write better, he, the publisher, wouldn't steal any more of his books.

Senator Evarts found a petition, bulging the sides of his footgear, signed by ten members of the Senate, requesting him to commute his sentences.

Anthony Comstock is trying to discover the gross-minded person who put a toy bear in his stocking.



Rev. E. Walpole Warren found nothing in his sock, because it got rumored about that he considered socks immoral and would not hang one up to corrupt Santa Claus.

Mr. Jaehne, a prominent resident of Sing Sing, hung up his sock on Xmas eve; but Mr. Ferdinand Ward happened to pass that way, and the next morning Mr. Jaehne couldn't find it.



IMPORTED, YOU KNOW.

H, why is the Anglo-American proud?—
His style is imported, you know.
But why is his manner insufferably loud?—

That's also imported, you know.
With "Lunnun-made" raiment he cuts a great dash;

For everything "Hinglish" he shells out his cash;
No matter the value, to him all is trash.

That is not imported, you know.

His wines and cigars are the best to be had—
That's freshly imported, you know.
He makes it a point to adopt the latest "fad"

That has been imported, you know.
With a little round window stuck into his eye,
He ogles humanity as from on high,
An asinine figure to cut he doth try—

The notion's imported, you know.

It makes a plain yankee excessively tired,
To see things imported, you know;
Placed up on a pedestal to be admired,
Because they're imported, you know.

And this Anglomaniac with his odd ways,
Who spends time and wealth on some imported craze,

Assuredly should, for the rest of his days,

Be quickly exported, you know.

Frank B. Welch.





NEW WAGGINGS OF OLD TALES.

THE charm of a book like "New Wagging of Old Tales" (Ticknor) is the intelligent good-humor, tipped with satire, which makes bright and entertaining every page of it. The reader is treated as every man of fair capacity wants to be—he is supposed to know a good hit when it is made, and to have had some acquaintance with contemporary books as well as with fairy tales. "Most editors underrate the intelligence of their audience," said one of the former; certainly most humorists do.

The prose of the book—for which J. K. Bangs must be held responsible—is clear, rapid, flexible—qualities which carry wit and satire gracefully. The happiest of his fancies is the interview between *Barclay Williams* and *Hop O' My Thumb* after the manner of "Silas Lapham." This is a satire in such genial good taste that the Eminent Realist himself may heartily enjoy it. To mingle an old fairy tale and a modern novel makes a grotesque and amusing combination; and there is a great deal more fun in it than mere burlesque.

The "Five Commissioners from the State of Michigan" who go on a journey to solve the riddle of "death or a postmastership," after the manner of Frank R. Stockton, are headed off with the tale of "Jack and the Beanstalk," and are quietly requested to guess the nature of the bean. Stevenson and Haggard are also humorously parodied.

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FRANK DEMPSTER SHERMAN treats the poets to a similar transformation. His skill in versifying is so well-known that excellent workmanship was to be anticipated. He has a light hand and a sprightly fancy. "Cinderella," in the metre of "Locksley Hall," is the best of his work, though the following from his variation of "Mary's Lamb" is clever enough:



Then all up the spine of the rafter
There ran a most risible shock,
And sorrow was sweetened with laughter
At this little lamb of the flock;
And out spoke the schoolmistress Yankee,
With rather a New Hampshire whine,
"Dear pupils, sing Moody and Sankey,
Hymn 'Ninety and Nine.'"

Swinburne, Browning and Tennyson are the three poets who are called on to recite.

The illustrations by Oliver Herford are full of fun, and add substantially to the entertaining qualities of a book which is not pretentious, but gives more than it promises.

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IN Cassell's *Yule-Tide* and in a syndicate of American papers there has recently been published a Christmas story by Robert Louis Stevenson, entitled "The Misadventures of John Nicholson," which is certainly among the best stories written by that versatile man. The conception of it is most original, and is full of surprises at every turn. The reader follows *John Nicholson* from Edinburgh to California and back with intense interest, and, notwithstanding the gloom of the story, is amply satisfied by the sunshine at the end. The purpose of the story is as serious as that of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Droch.

NEW BOOKS .

NEW WAGGINGS OF OLD TALES. By Two Wags (Frank Dempster Sherman and John Kendrick Bangs). Illustrated by Oliver Herford. Boston: Ticknor & Co.

Rondah: or, Thirty-three Years in a Star. By Florence Carpenter Dieudonné. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Brothers.

Roger Camerden. A Strange Story. By John Kendrick Bangs. Second Edition. New York: Geo. J. Coombes.

Benjamin Franklin as a Man of Letters. By John Bach McMaster. American Man of Letters Series. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

The Book of British Ballads. Edited by S. C. Hall. With illustrations. Knickerbocker Nuggets Series. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

The Life of George Washington Studied Anew. By Edward Everett Hale. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

The Story of Ireland. By the Hon. Emily Lawless. With additions by Mrs. Arthur Bronson. The Story of Nations Series. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

The Essentials of Perspective. By L. W. Miller. With illustrations by the Author. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY I

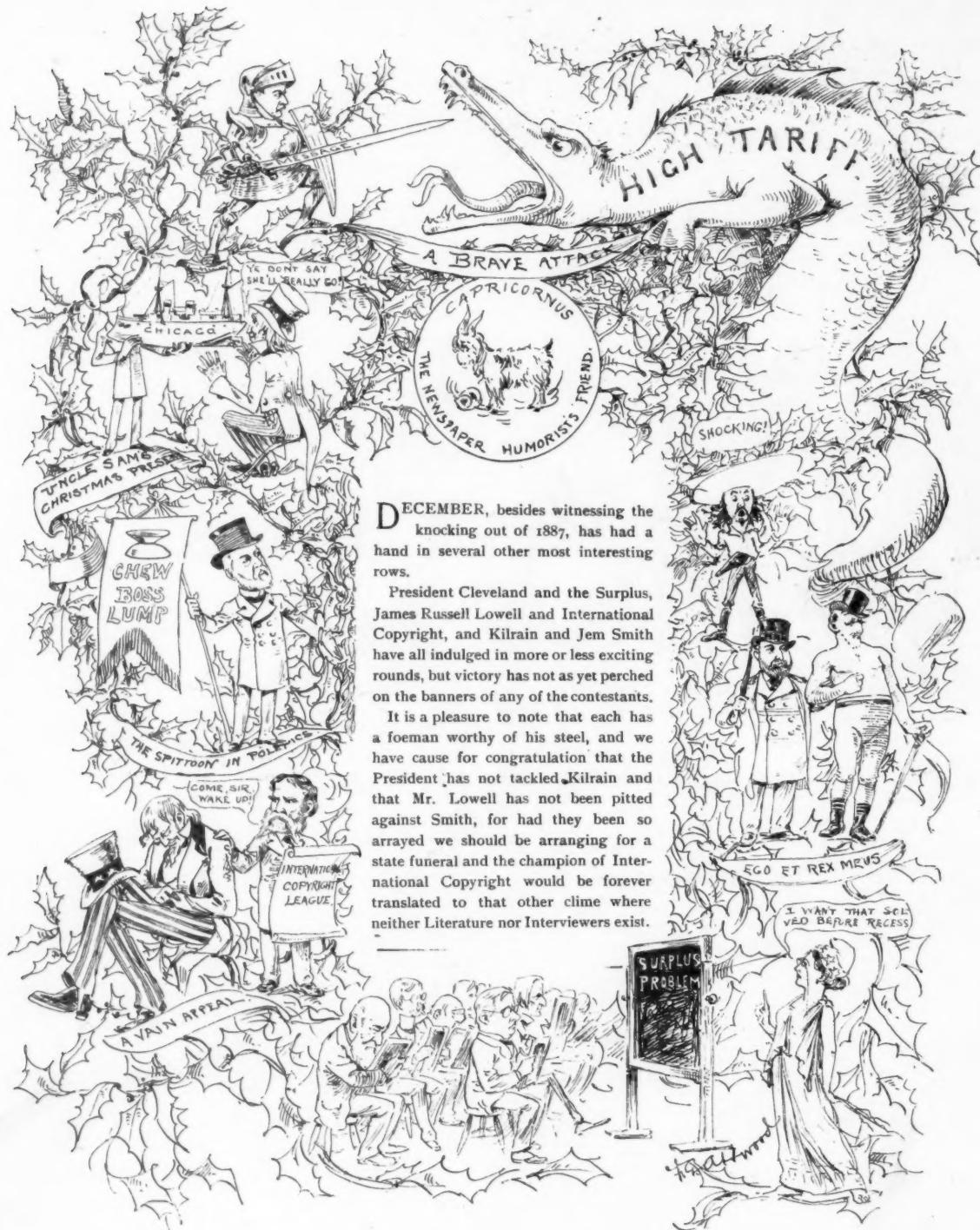
THE REAL AMERICAN

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S DAY IN THE WEST.

L AMERICAN FOX-HUNT.



DECEMBER, besides witnessing the knocking out of 1887, has had a hand in several other most interesting rows.

President Cleveland and the Surplus, James Russell Lowell and International Copyright, and Kilrain and Jem Smith have all indulged in more or less exciting rounds, but victory has not as yet perched on the banners of any of the contestants.

It is a pleasure to note that each has a foeman worthy of his steel, and we have cause for congratulation that the President has not tackled Kilrain and that Mr. Lowell has not been pitted against Smith, for had they been so arrayed we should be arranging for a state funeral and the champion of International Copyright would be forever translated to that other clime where neither Literature nor Interviewers exist.

— EGO ET REX MEUS —

I WANT THAT SOLVED BEFORE RECESS

SURPLUS PROBLEM

from foreign fields

THE CHUM KEEPS NEW YEAR'S DAY.

IT was the first day of the new year, and the Chum, who is a clinger to old institutions, as is shown by his regard for Kings, Queens, Emperors and Popes, made up his mind to keep it after the fashion of his forefathers, and make calls. The fact that this custom has fallen into innocuous desuetude in New York Society affected not the Chum in the slightest degree. He rises above all social rules, and even has the temerity to read the accepted journal of society with the cover on.

Of course the first call was made on Queen Victoria. This gracious lady spreads a very limited table on New Year's Day, and as the first to come are the first to be served, the Chum felt it quite necessary to be on hand early. The Queen was simply dressed in a pongoon garment given her by Clam-Chowda, of Jumpaboord, while that dusky impotentate was in town for the Jubilee last season. She received the Chum with her usual graciousness, asking him if he was sure he had wiped his feet on the mat before entering the audience chamber.

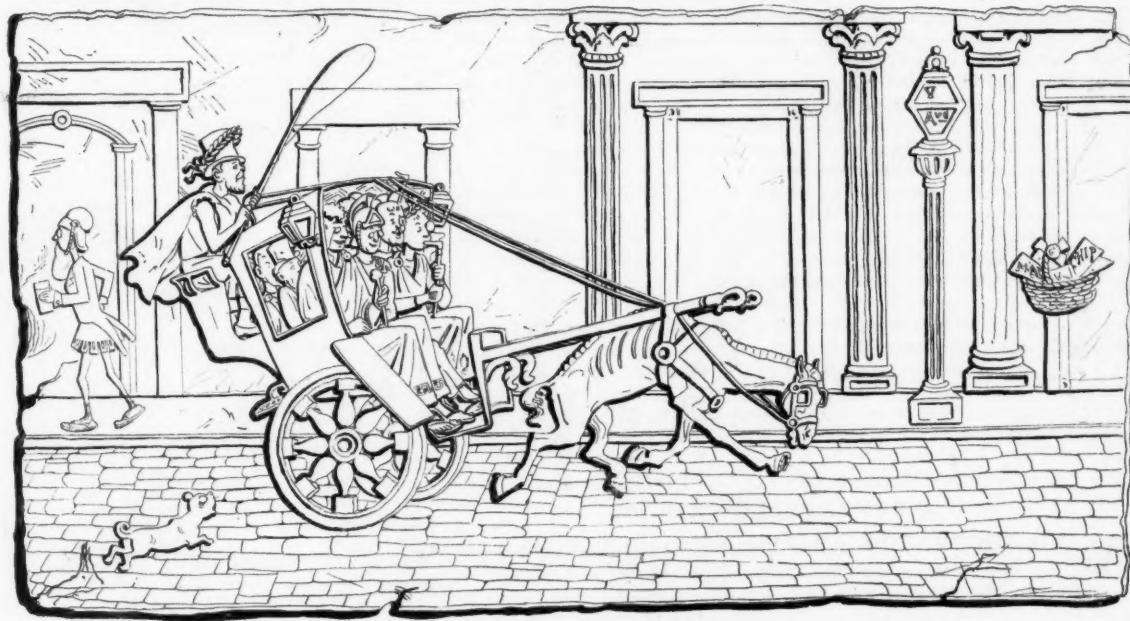
The Chum assured Her Majesty that he had, and further added that he thought Her Majesty looked well, to which the gracious lady replied that she had heard that before and would be greatly pleased if the Chum would display some originality in his remarks. This the caller at once proceeded to do by calling the Queen's attention to the fact that the season for swearing off had come around again, intimating that he would be pleased to make a record of the particular pomp or vanity which Her Majesty had resolved to do without. The Prince of Wales, who sat at his mother's left, in token of the general frigidity of the atmosphere in his own immediate neighborhood, looked appealingly at his mother and suggested that she try swearing off the throne for a while so as to give the "old man a chance," to use his Royal

Highness's own words. To this the Queen replied with a haughty smile, that she would continue to occupy England's front seat until the curtain rang down on the final scene, but she had resolved to swear off one pernicious habit. She had fully made up her mind to give up Jubilees—they were too costly. The Prince thanked his mother for giving him the hope of getting the crown before he reached the mature age of one hundred, burst into tears, and took the first train to London to lunch with John L. Sullivan.

The Chum called next upon Mr. Carnot, the newly elected President of the French Republic. This gentleman was found in conversation with a representative of the French Presidential Insurance Company, arranging terms for a policy on Mr. Carnot's term of office. The two men were much excited over the premium question. Mr. Carnot thought that 50 per cent. of his salary ought to pay for his policy, but the agent who seemed to be a close student of French History, believed that with the whole Presidential salary paid into the coffers of his concern, the company would assume enormous risks in insuring Mr. Carnot his office for six weeks. The matter was finally settled by Mr. Carnot's agreeing to pay 75 per cent. of his salary and to keep Boulanger out of his Cabinet if the company would guarantee him his office or its cash equivalent for Mr. Grey's unexpired term.

When asked his intentions in the swearing off matter, Mr. Carnot stated that he had not considered the question fully, but he thought that with the Comte de Paris manifestoing in the West, Plon-Plon dittoing in the South, and Victor prancing along the Northern frontier, it would be well for France to swear off monkeying with Bismarck and whistling up war-clouds.

The King of Spain gave the Chum a hearty "goo-goo" of welcome and avowed that petticoats were the bright particular vanity he intended to get along without this year. After giving an exhibition Spanish walk, in which the Queen Dowager materially assisted him,



NEW YEAR'S DAY IN ATHENS.

SCRAPS.



THE VERY LATEST.

the King intimated his royal disposition to dispense with the Chum for the time being, and that individual retired to the Quirinal, where King Humbert was found swearing off monasteries and Catholic intervention in temporal affairs generally. The Pope, gaily clad in a red waterproof cloak, trimmed with beads and decorated with a hand-painted *resume* of biblical history on the back, welcomed the Chum at the Vatican. He told his visitor in confidence, that as Pope he could not swear off, on, or in any other way, but he had resolved to secure a dispensation whereby he might dispense with Dr. McGlynn, King Humbert, Justin D. Fulton, and the County of Connemara, which was six months in arrears with its Peter's Pence.

The Czar was found in an unhappy frame of mind. He had been blown up twice on New Year's morning—once by the Nihilists and once by his wife—and he was superstitious enough to believe that if he began the year this way he would keep it up to the very end. He evinced a willingness to swear off dynamite and bomb-proof clothing, if affairs of state permitted, but he gloomily admitted that the outlook therefore was not exactly roseate as to its hue.

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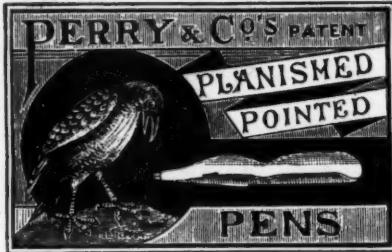
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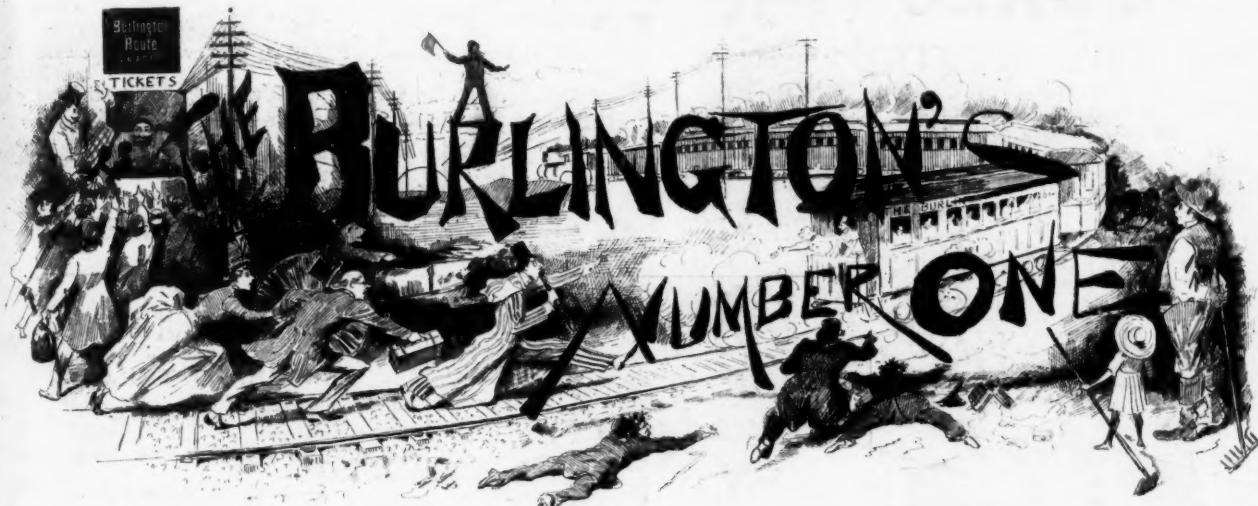
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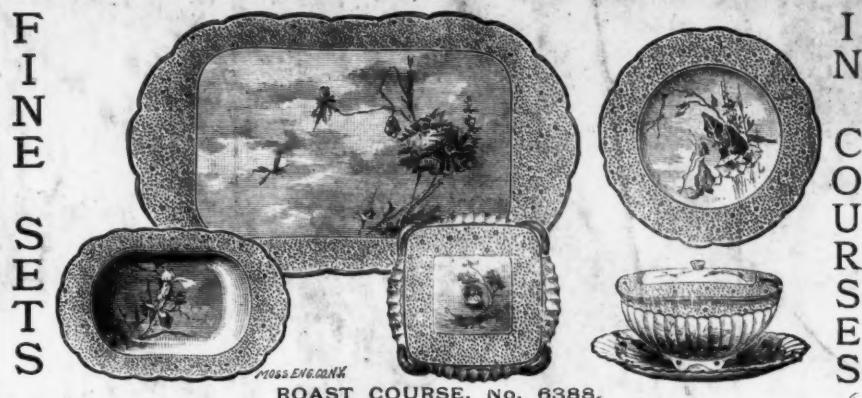
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